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:DECISION GRANTING PETITION  
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.378(c)

This is a decision on the electronic petition, filed April 8, 2009, under 37 CFR 1.378(c)  
to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of the 3.5 year maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The maintenance fee is accepted, and the above-identified patent reinstated as of April 8, 2009.  
This decision also constitutes notice that the fee has been accepted. An electronic copy of the petition and  
this decision has been created as an entry in the Image File Wrapper. Nevertheless, petitioner should print  
and retain an independent copy.

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